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In re Application

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
SELECTION OF A CIRCUIT IN
MULTI-CIRCUIT
COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE

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Art Unit: 2684

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
THE OFFICE ACTION DATED 1-10-2001**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of January 10, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

IN THE CLAIMS

5. (AMENDED) A method in accordance with claim 1, including a plurality of input signal formats comprising a data signal and an audio signal, the method further including the steps of:

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- a. determining whether the signal is of one class or another class signal;
 - b. selecting a first transmission system as the highest priority transmission system if the signal is [a] of said one class;
 - c. selecting a second transmission system as the highest priority transmission system if the signal is of said other class.

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24. (Amended). An apparatus in accordance with claim 23, including a plurality of input signal formats comprising a data signal and an audio signal, the apparatus further comprising a signal detector for determining whether the signal is a data signal or an audio signal, [.] wherein

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